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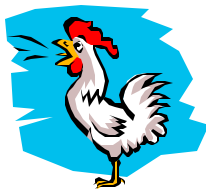
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, irregular in all other areas. Trade sentiment was steady to weak. Demand was mostly light to fair, but better in the Midwest due to first of the month business and improved weather conditions. Supplies were adequate to ample with heavier weights more available. In the parts structure, dark meat items were in the best balance and moving. Wings and breast items were in the longest position and even at discounted levels still had minimal movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 2/07-02/12/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)			COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		AVG		AVG	
Bos/New Eng	47.00-48.00	47.82	17	52.42	36
Chicago	43.00-45.00	43.87	53	47.47	87
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	56.13	32
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	57.77	13
Denver	62.50	62.38	17	61.97	37
Detroit	44.00-46.00	47.28	9	51.62	36
Los Angeles	63.00	61.69	63	59.46	176
New York	45.00-49.00	47.34	41	53.93	86
Philadelphia	43.00-46.00	45.86	7	48.34	25
Pittsburgh	43.50-45.50	46.00	10	52.82	60
St. Louis	43.50	43.33	19	49.44	49
San Francisco	63.50	62.40	31	64.01	71

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	02/07/00	Change/Last Wk	01/31/00	02/08/99
708	54.69	0.42	55.11	58.45

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
East	50.00-53.00	52.95	40
Central	47.00-53.00	51.64	57
West	47.00-65.00	57.00	55

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	55.00-57.50	56.63	82
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 58.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,132	42.00-59.88	56.53

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	143.00	4,124
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00	2,110
THIGH MEAT - B/S	75.50	621
LEG QUARTERS	20.00	8,840
WINGS	63.50	3,028

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally quiet and unaggressive following the weekend. Offerings were fully sufficient for trade needs, with larger sizes in the longest position. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts market, breast items and wings were readily available and slow in clearing. Dark meat items were adequate to at least adequate.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand was slow and unaggressive to fair with limited trading. Supplies were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, all items were at least adequate with breast items in the longest position. Movement was light to fair. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majorities were unchanged from last Mondays' levels. Trade sentiment was about steady. Offerings ample with heavy weights in the longest position. Buying activity improved. Demand increased to cover features planned later in the week, overall fairly good. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 47.33 down .60 from last week with the volume reported up 12 percent to 28 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Majority prices for this week's trading were mixed into Detroit, 2.5 to 2.75 cents lower into St Louis, too few to report into Ohio cities and unchanged to 1 cent lower into Chicago when compared to last Monday's majorities. The market tone was steady to weak on whole chicken. Demand improved into retail and food service due to first of the month activity and improved weather in some areas. Floor stocks were adequate and sizes were in an acceptable range. Demand was good for leg quarters, fairly light for other items. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady on breast items and wings, about steady on leg quarters.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally light and unaggressive. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample and were more readily available on the larger sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly heavier than desired. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 48 to 60 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly weak. In the parts complex, breast items were offered at highly competitive prices in an effort to stimulate a limited buying interest. Leg cuts were fully adequate and were in best balance. Wings remained ample.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	46-63
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	53.03
NO. OF BOXES	8,546

\*6 of 8 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was mostly quiet as the week began even though much discounting was reported. Offerings of all items were more than adequate as most plants ran this weekend in an effort to control bird weights. Breast items, especially bone-in breasts, were in the longest position. Retail and distributive movement was generally slow and very few features were noted. The market tone was weak for wings and breast items and steady at best on the remainder.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	138.69	465,040
TENDERLOINS	110-115	119.89	82,600
BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58	73.48	137,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	57	55.04	162,640
LEGS	26-27	31.50	234,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	20.09	365,551
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	35.59	87,680
THIGHS	21-22	29.60	50,990
B/S THIGHS	70-71	74.98	21,840
WINGS (WHOLE)	54-55	59.79	199,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.03	33,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.80	35,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.60	48,720

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

#### ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	672	120.00-158.00	135-140	135.86
TENDERLOINS	102	125.00-179.00	-	155.97
BREAST - WITH RIBS	209	59.00-84.00	-	64.45
FRONT HALVES	520	46.00-55.00	46-49	47.16
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,253	17.50-19.00	18	18.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	3,345	18.25-20.00	18	18.72
WINGS (WHOLE)	125	48.00-75.00	48-53	57.45
DRUMSTICKS	15	44.00	-	44.00
THIGHS	NO TRADING REPORTED			

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	02/07	02/03	02/03	01/31	01/27
ALA	3,901	3,791	5.04	3,745	4.91
ARK	5,242	5,033	4.97	4,720	4.79
DELMARVA	2,443	2,454	5.28	2,395	5.36
KY-LA-TN	2,008	1,995	4.33	2,027	4.30
MISS	2,820	2,647	5.18	2,595	4.87
NC	2,623	2,537	5.86	1,886	5.70
TEXAS	2,261	2,207	4.69	2,140	4.74
TOTAL	21,298	20,664	5.06	19,508	4.92
MON	21,298(A)			19,508(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Feb 2000 is estimated to be 31,864,000 up 8.85 percent from a week ago and up 8.44 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,274,000, last year 29,384,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	633	120.00-186.00	125-130	130.97
TENDERLOINS	178	111.00-162.00	120	122.81
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	47	28.00-34.00	28-29	28.89
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	348	16.50-19.50	16.5-17	17.29
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,196	18.50-22.00	21-22	20.95
WINGS (WHOLE)	241	44.00-53.00	44-46	46.86
WINGS (CUT)	497	61.50-70.00	62-65	64.09
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 07, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	31.00-33.75	32.18

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION PARTS** PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 02/07-02/11/00

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	127-150	135-140
BREAST - LINE RUN	64-78	71-74
LEGS	30-36	30
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18-23	18-19
DRUMSTICKS	27-50	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	47-66	49-53
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-18	15
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-38	30-32
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-48	35-40

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	75-90
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	78-96
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	84-93
FROZEN DUCKS	135-149
FROZEN SQUABS	589

#### DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	77-81
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	79-88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	299
RABBITS-CUT UP	316

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

##### DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	104-108
	ICE PACK	92-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-107
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	95
	ICE PACK	91
DUCKS		149-166

**EASTERN REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

04-FEB-00

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-18.00	20.00	17.00	18.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.29	20.00	17.00	18.00

652,000 pounds, this includes 52,000 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00	16.50	-	16.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.00	16.50		16.00

692,000 pounds, this includes 372,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE	12.00-15.00	-	11.00-14.00	12.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.18		11.79	13.50

2,704,000 pounds, this includes 904,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	12.75
WTD AVERAGE				12.75

280,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

\* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand for spent fowl was moderate at processing plants. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER  
THE WEEK OF 07-FEB-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-19.5	11-13	12.47

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CENTRAL REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

04-FEB-00

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	14.00-15.00	-
WTD AVERAGE			14.50	

81,600 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE	11.00-13.00	14.00-15.50	10.50-12.50	12.50-14.75
WTD AVERAGE	12.33	15.11	11.17	13.68

1,938,000 pounds, this includes 856,800 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

\* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Majority trading was unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to good for about adequate to adequate offerings. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER  
THE WEEK OF 07-FEB-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-16	8-11	10.2
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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